

Brett E. Wood gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country in support of the mission in Afghanistan;

Whereas the members of the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division are now returning to Alaska to their proud families and to an appreciative and admiring country;

Whereas the strength and unflinching support of the families of the members of the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division have made the United States as strong as it is today; and

Whereas the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division has served with courage, compassion, and selflessness, and has earned the respect of not only Alaskans, but of all people of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends the members of the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division for their exemplary service to the United States and the completion of their first deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; and

(2) recognizes the service and sacrifice of the members of the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division and their families.

Mr. BEGICH. Mr. President, I rise to commend the members of the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division from Fort Wainwright, AK upon completion of their deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. I am pleased to offer a resolution with Senator LISA MURKOWSKI to recognize the service of these Arctic Wolves and honor the 21 brave soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice for the Nation.

Deployed to Kandahar, one of the most volatile areas of Afghanistan, the 1/25 SBCT conducted more than 7,500 patrols and over 60 named operations. They made significant gains against insurgents in the Southern region. Our nation will forever be grateful to them and we will never forget those who perished or were wounded during their tour.

We must also never forget Private Danny Chen. While the actions of those involved in the maltreatment of Private Chen are not a reflection of the honorable service of thousands of others in the brigade, abuse and hazing of another individual must never be tolerated under any circumstances. Private Chen was a son, he was a friend, he was a soldier. He will be remembered.

I also want to thank the families of the Arctic Wolves for their service and sacrifice. The support of their loved ones gives strength to our military.

I urge my colleagues to join me in thanking the Arctic Wolves and their families for the sacrifices they make every day on behalf of our country.

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The hearing

will be held on Tuesday, May 22, 2012, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on the report produced by the American Energy Innovation Council titled "Catalyzing American Ingenuity: The Role of Government in Energy Innovation" and related issues.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record may do so by sending it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510-6150, or by e-mail to Abigail_Campbell@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact Mike Carr at (202) 224-8164 or Abigail Campbell at (202) 224-1219.

MEASURE READ FOR THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 5652

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Madam President, I understand that H.R. 5652 has been received from the House and is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title for the first time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 5652) to provide reconciliation pursuant to section 201 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2013.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Madam President, I ask for its second reading and object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2012

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 15, 2012; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; and that the majority leader be recognized; further, that the Senate recess from 12:30 until 2:15 to allow for the weekly caucus meetings.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. It is the majority leader's intention to resume the motion to proceed to the Export-Import Bank reauthorization bill, legislation particularly important to my State, tomorrow morning, and equally divide the first hour, with the majority controlling the first half and the Republicans controlling the final half.

Today we reached an agreement to complete action on the Export-Import

Bank reauthorization. Senators should expect up to six votes as early as 2:15 tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Madam President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:42 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, May 15, 2012, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. MICHAEL T. FLYNN

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. (SELECT) WILLIAM M. FAULKNER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. JOHN M. PAXTON, JR.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. JOHN A. TOOLAN, JR.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be brigadier general

COL. PAUL K. LEBIDINE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. ROBERT B. NELLER

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUAL FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531:

To be major

JAMES J. RENDA

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be colonel

AUGUST S. HEIN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531:

To be lieutenant colonel

CHRISTOPHER J. MATHEWS

To be major

CATHERINE M WARE
TIMOTHY K. WILLIAMS

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant colonel

RICARDO A. BRAVO